

STATEMENT REGARDING NEW MATTER

The substitute specification contains no new matter and replaces all previous specifications.



## BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

### Field Of Invention

The present invention relates to a combination ~~garment used as both a reversible jacket and tote bag~~ convertible article useful as a jacket and tote bag in one. It is designed to be a convenient and practical jacket ~~which could be~~ that is reversible and can be worn inside out. The jacket can quickly be turned into a tote bag by executing maneuvers that are basic and simple. ~~The jacket has an enlarged pocket located at the upper rear portion of the garment, of which can be turned inside out to insert the jacket into itself, thus forming the tote bag structure.~~ The jacket is (also) reversible and can be worn inside out. ~~The overall appearance of the present invention is such that the multiple functions are not obvious to the human eye.~~ The tote bag enables the user to carry an assortment of items including but not limited to: keys, wallets, sunglasses, clothing articles, books and magazines. The jacket has a back piece that doubles as a sack portion consisting of a surface interrupted by a mouth opening positioned across the shoulder area, in which mouth opening leads to a sack portion which when inverted, the entire jacket is delivered into the sack portion thus transforming the jacket into a tote bag. The jacket is reversible and is worn in the reversed mode. The presence of a reversible feature to the jacket allows the overall appearance of the present invention to conceal its multiple functions without the use of closing devices, in that the multiple functions are now not obvious to the human eye. Furthermore, the present invention was created as casual outerwear and as a carrying tote bag of which either function can be used for general purposes.

## Description of Prior Art

To date we have seen ~~combinations of garment used as both jacket and bag~~ many combinations of the jacket and bag in one invention and various attempts that have been made in prior art to produce garments that have multiple uses. The drawbacks are that the multiple functions are actually limited, (or) and the article includes numerous closing devices thus giving the garment a more technical and rigid look to it rather than the appearance of what could be fashionable attire. In addition to all of this, the maneuvers used to convert the item from one function to another are oftentimes tedious and laborious.

United States Patent Des. 277, 049 describes a jacket and carrier bag combination in which the major drawback is that the carrier bag can only hold one item, the jacket itself and nothing more. The limited use of the combination beach towel and tote bag found in U.S. Patent 4,856,912 is severely obvious in that the tote bag is so large it would be more of a chore to carry the item anywhere other than to the beach. The combination garment used, as a jacket and bag found in U.S. Patent 4,347,629 and the combination coat with a built in sleeping bag found in U.S Patent 4,158,892 require elaborate adjustments to produce the desired effects or functions. Both items offer a rather unpleasant appearance when worn as a clothing item due to the multiple fastener tracks and sliders, sacks and buttons needed to transform the item from jacket or coat to the respective bag function.

U.S. Patent 4,502,154 demonstrates convenience however the size of the bag is not realistically suitable for carrying items comfortably other than the jacket itself, thus leaving the user with the dilemma of limited carrying space similar to that found in Des.

277, 049. U.S. Patent 4,700,409 is also an attempt at combining a jacket and bag in one feature. The sliding fasteners used to close the opening of the pouch when jacket is not being used as a bag, would be more appealing if they were hidden and upon the conversion from jacket to bag, the bag has a purse like design, that would be more attractive to the female population thus excluding an entire demographic of male users. U.S. Patent 4,502,155 is yet another attempt at a combination outerwear and bag in one. Here, a bag like structure is actually attached to the jacket by sewing walls together to form the bag, with an additional smaller bag attached on top of it. Chuck webs, connector hooks and snaps are needed to convert the jacket into the bag mode. These devices may be necessary to form the bag to function properly but the problem is that when the article is worn as an outerwear garment, it has the appearance of a garment loaded with contraptions as oppose to a versatile piece of clothing.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention overcomes (the) these problems and provides an overall improvement of the other prior art by the simplicity of its multiple functions as a reversible jacket that converts into a tote bag. It only requires two maneuvers in that the wearer of the jacket takes off the jacket and then turns the pocket, located at the upper rear portion of the jacket, inside out, inserting the jacket into itself and converting it into a tote bag presenting a reversible jacket that would allow the user to conceal the opening leading to the sack portion of the jacket that enables the user to convert the jacket into a tote bag. The fact that it is reversible also eliminates the need for fastening tracks, hooks and snaps to seal the sack portion opening because the jacket is worn in the reverse mode, and the back piece containing the opening for the sack portion is the inner layer for the inside of the jacket. The simplicity of this multi-facet combination reversible jacket and tote bag in one is that it only requires at least two maneuvers to change the article from one mode to the other. First the user takes off the jacket and by reaching into the opening of the sack portion of the jacket, the user inverts the sack portion, which delivers the jacket into the sack portion and thus converts the jacket into a tote bag. When the garment is worn as a jacket, its function as a tote bag is not obvious to the human eye. Nor does the function as a tote bag give way to the indication that the tote bag is a jacket as well. Again, when the jacket is worn in the reverse mode, the back piece of the jacket has a smooth and uninterrupted surface, which allows for its multifunction to be concealed. The simplicity of the present invention makes the item versatile, comfortable and useful and gives the presents the (garment) to look more like fashionable outerwear

present invention a more fashionable look for outerwear attire while concealing its multiple functions.